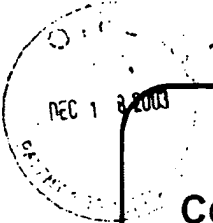


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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p><small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</small></p>	Application Number	09/985,743
	Filing Date	November 06, 2001
	First named inventor	Ryosuke USUI, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2815
	Examiner Name	Lee, Eugene
	Attorney Docket Number	57810-025

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant must wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (or PTO/SB/CPS) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000); 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

 i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

 iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

 i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

 iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.

 i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$770.00

 ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

 iii. ☐ Other (additional claims, etc.)

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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